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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03E-005 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: January 29, 2003 **MANUFACTURER:** Dana Corporation

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SUBJECT: 56 Dana Spicer trailer axles for use on Great Dane trailers equipped with wheel hubs and wheel bearings. These axles utilized Dana's LMS (Low Maintenance System) wheel hub arrangement, in which a solid spacer is used between the inner and outer wheel bearing cone to establish wheel bearing endplay. Dana has determined that some of these trailer axles may have been equipped with the incorrect outer wheel bearing cone. As a result, the outer wheel bearing will prematurely fail with little or no warning, possibly allowing the wheel to separate from the trailer which could result in a vehicle crash.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Please make the following changes and submit a revised notification letter for review prior to mailing.

- Please incorporate the following paragraph:

"If you are a lessor of vehicles which are equipped with affected trailer axles, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

- Section 577.5(f) requires an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety. The consequence shall include a statement that this failure could result in a vehicle crash.
- Also, Section 577.5(a) requires the marking of envelopes in which recall notification letters are sent. These envelopes shall bear, in all capital letters, the words "SAFETY," "RECALL" and "NOTICE," in any order. These words need to be a larger sized type than the consumer's name and address and also can be in bold print or in color. Please provide us with a sample of your company's notification envelope for our file.

If you have any questions, please call:

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